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WASHINGTON, DC - Yesterday, U.S. Rep. Michael Arcuri (NY-24) led debate on the floor of the Cyber Security Enhancement Act (H.R. 4061). Arcuri spoke about the major contributions being made to advances in cyber security at places like Rome Lab and other local businesses as the bill provides a plan for cyber security research and development and places an emphasis on training men and women to become cyber security professionals.

"Investing in cybersecurity is the Manhattan Project of our generation," **Arcuri said**. Cyber threats and attacks are real, and they threaten our financial and defense networks every day. Nearly every aspect of our daily lives in the global society is dependent on the security of our cyber networks. We rely on these systems to carry virtually all our business transactions, control our electric grid, emergency communications systems, and traffic lights."

H.R. 4061 requires the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy to convene an industry-wide non-governmental taskforce of businesses and universities to explore potential public-private collaborations on cybersecurity research and development. This will ensure that collaborations, like the ones going on in the 24th Congressional District, continue to strengthen our nation's cyber defenses.

"This effort goes to the heart of our national security because it requires us to create opportunities in our colleges and universities to train this new type of cyber war fighter to defend our nation from cyber threats," **Arcuri said**. "This investment in cyber education is necessary to meet our enemies on the cyber frontlines and repel their attacks. Rome Lab is at the forefront of America's cyber security and local companies are leading the way in their partnership with the federal government to continue advancements in the cyber security field."

Recently, Arcuri has spoken of a growing concern involving allegations against China in breaching the cyber security of a United States company Google to obtain information on individuals. These growing threats are a great concern to the United States and have been raised by intelligence officials in recent Congressional testimony.

H.R. 4061 received the support of numerous organizations, including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Business Software Alliance, Software and Information Industry Association, National Cable and Telecommunications Association, U.S. Telecom, TechAmerica, and Computing Research Association.

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